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Lumber- Up And Down Mills.

About 1872 John Keklison who lived between Buckeye and Watoga and near the mouth of Beaver Creek built an Up And Down sawmill near the mouth of Beaver Creek, he having installed an overshot water wheel in Beaver Creek that made his power.

He sawed for other people as well as himself so it was more or less a custom mill as farmers would take in a load of logs and get a load of lumber, this mill was in operation for many years and many of our older buildings were either made from lumber sawed on this mill or the many other up & down mills that were in operation in Pocahontas County from about 1850 on up to the time when the Circular mill came in to operation.

Another Up & Down mill was owned and operated by James A McClure of near Watoga as he lived where B.C Hayes now lives, he had his mill up Beaver Creek about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles and was in operation about the same time as the Kellison mill or a little after. At this day and time the Ox team played a very important part in the development of Pocahontas County as they were used on the farm and also used to log our first saw mills this was particularly true with the McClure mill as they were used to do the skidding also used by farmers to haul logs either on wagons or sleds to the mill to have them sawed and today we find many of our older houses and barns of Watoga and near there built from lumber sawed on one of the up & down mills. The timber cut at that time was mostly soft wood namely White Pine and Hemlock.

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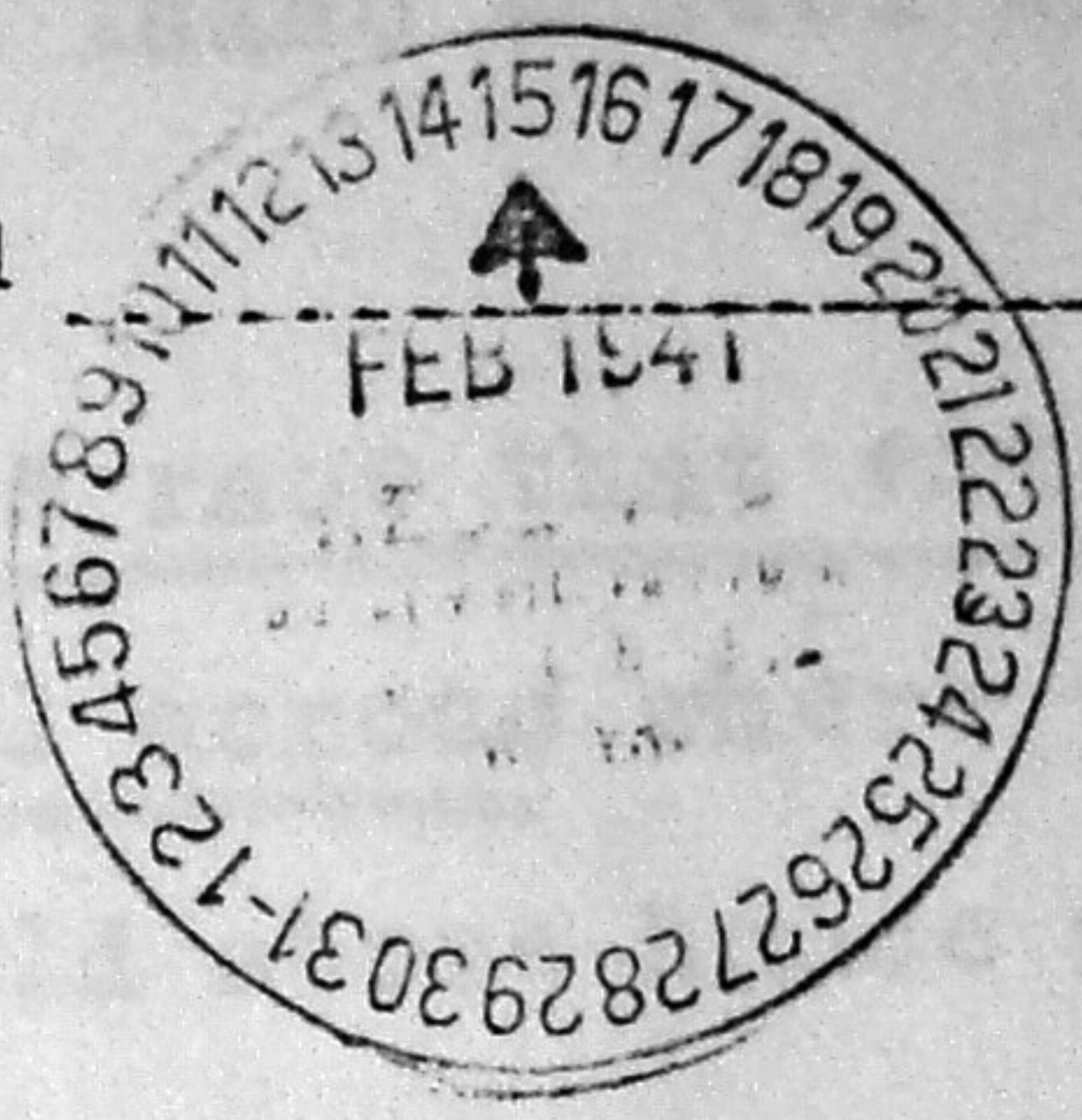
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Up - And Down Mill

Joseph F And Valentine Cackley owners of the greater part of what is Millpoint and at that time known as Cackley Town no doubt built the up- and down mill that operated at this place about 1800. In 1834 Joseph & Valentine Cackley sold this mill property to Sampson L Mathews who had the saw mill in operation for several years and in 1865 this property was sold by Ann M Mathews, William H McClintic and his wife Mary Ann to Isaac McNeel who continued to have this mill in operation.

This mill was run by water power from the race that extended from the one that furnishes power to run the grist mill across where the present State Road is located and to the run where the old store house now stands and it was at this point that the Up and Down mill operated by the Cackleys, then by Mathews and lastly by Isaac McNeel who employed Joseph Sharp to operate the mill, he was originally from Elk. All the owners of this mill sawed for themselves as well as custom sawing.

In 1878 Millard F Ruckman and his brother James R hauled logs to this mill with oxen using only the front wheels of a wagon to support the logs the other end dragging on the ground and it was from these logs that the lumber was sawed that built part of the Millard F Ruckman house in which his Widow Eliza Ruckman resides with her son W. O Ruckman. Many of the older houses of Little Levels District were built from lumber sawed on this old mill, and today we find a number of houses in what was at one time Cackley Town that are grouped together because of the Milling operations that took place there ~~and~~ because of the never failing water-power.

This mill was operated until the Circular mill took its place in the

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